

SENATE BILL 4067

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;  
Title 29; Title 33; Title 63; Title 67; Title 68 and  
Title 71, relative to hospitals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-268, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting the following:

68-11-268.

(a) Each healthcare facility licensed under this chapter shall develop a concise statement of its charity care policies for use by members of the public so as to permit individuals to more accurately assess the potential cost for services provided at each institution.

(b) The commissioner of health shall promulgate guidelines for the placement of the statement developed pursuant to subsection (a), in places within healthcare facilities that are accessible to the public. The guidelines shall, at a minimum, require placement of the statements in areas where patients are routinely admitted to healthcare facilities and on Internet websites that are maintained by healthcare facilities and accessible by the general public.

(c) Each healthcare facility licensed under this chapter shall post the statement of its charity care policies pursuant to the guidelines that are developed by the commissioner.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.